

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762)	WT Docket No. 06-150
and 777-792 MHz Bands)	
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Revision of the Commission's Rules to)	CC Docket No. 94-102
Ensure)	
Compatibility with Enhanced 911)	
Emergency)	
Calling Systems)	WT Docket No. 01-309
)	
Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's)	
Rules)	WT Docket No. 03-264
Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible)	
Telephones)	
)	
Biennial Regulatory Review –)	
Amendment of Parts 1, 22, 24, 27, and)	WT Docket No. 06-169
90 to Streamline and Harmonize)	
Various Rules Affecting Wireless Radio)	
Services)	
)	
Former Nextel)	PS Docket No. 06-229
Communications, Inc. Upper)	
700 MHz Guard Band Licenses)	
and Revisions to Part 27 of the)	
Commission's Rules)	WT Docket No. 96-86
)	
Implementing a Nationwide,)	
Broadband, Interoperable)	
Public Safety Network in the)	
700 MHz Band)	
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Development of Operational, Technical)	
and Spectrum Requirements for)	
Meeting Federal, State and Local Public)	
Safety Communications Requirements)	
Through the Year 2010)	

REPLY COMMENTS OF REGION 43 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regional Planning Committee for Region 43 (State of Washington) hereby submits these reply comments in response to the Commission's *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the above-captioned proceedings.

Region 43 (State of Washington) 700 MHz RPC agrees with the following general consensus, as expressed both in our previous comments, and in many of the other comments filed on behalf of public safety organizations as part of this proceeding:

The present public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band needs to be preserved and needs to remain under the control of Public Safety.

Flexibility is important. Public Safety needs the flexibility to deploy wideband systems, broadband systems, or some combination thereof, depending on local needs.

We don't think a national-system governance body can properly represent the many diverse needs of local agencies. If the Commission decides to follow this track, then the Regional RPCs should have voting representation in the governance of that system.

Region 43 is not against Rules allowing broadband systems, or even a nationwide broadband system, but is opposed to allowing only broadband while excluding wideband, or making a nation-wide broadband system that very well may not satisfy the local agency needs.

Region 43 is very disappointed that major changes are being considered for the 700 MHz band just as we are starting to see implementation of systems in this band. These changes, if not properly implemented and timely coordinated with

Canada, have the potential to make the 700 MHz band in near Canada-U.S. border areas almost useless.

Respectfully submitted,

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